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NEW STAMP FOR ROYAL VISIT

The Honourable William Hamilton, Postmaster General, has announced the details of a new design postage stamp that will be issued to commemorate the visit to Canada in October of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The stamp will be issued for sale to the public on 10th October, 1957.

The new stamp, portraying the Queen and the Prince in profile, was designed and engraved by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Limited, from photographic portraits prepared by Karsh of Ottawa. The colour of the stamp will be black.

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BACK AGAIN!

Once again, after the summer interim, we are back at stamps. We all look forward to an interesting Fall and Winter season in things philatelic. This opening Fall number of P.S. has several interesting articles, with more to follow each month. With many new stamp issues here, and others coming, this should keep collectors busy for many months. Happy hunting, everyone!.

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U.P.U. AT OTTAWA

Around 350 delegates from ninety-one countries out of 96 in the Universal Postal Union are in attendance at the 14th Congress of that organization now being held in Ottawa. It Convened in the Senate Chambers of the House of Commons where Prime Minister John Diefenbaker officially opened the congress on Wednesday, August 14th.

This is the first time the Congress has been held in Canada and its sessions are expected to continue until October 4th. Their deliberations deal with the international flow of mail between the different countries of the world, the revisions of regulations and rates governing same, and any adaptions necessary to keep step with the advances of our times. Air mail rates, and postal problems caused by a divided Germany and split Korea and general situation between Communist and Western Worlds will have a bearing on this year's deliberations.

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On our 100th issue we got out a special edition and such may be anticipated for our 200th issue but we are not planning to duplicate this feat, as times and circumstances do not warrant it. But we will mark it in a modest way and print 500 extra copies to put into circulation. In this respect advertisers wishing space in the November (200th) issue are asked to get their copy in well in advance of our dead line. Contributors are also invited to mail their sendings early. Your co-operation appreciated.

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The Post Office readily uses cancellations for many worthy non-profit causes, as Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. The theatre manager was hopeful that the Post Office might go for "See and Keep the Ten Commandments", but not so the post office. They insisted on amending "See' to "Learn", no doubt to avoid some implication in the field of commercial advertising.

In the House of Commons last Spring the then Postmaster-General stated that the P.O.D. made a profit of slightly over 2c on first class letters handled, but reported various fractional losses on air parcel post, second class transient mail, third class household circulars and registrations.

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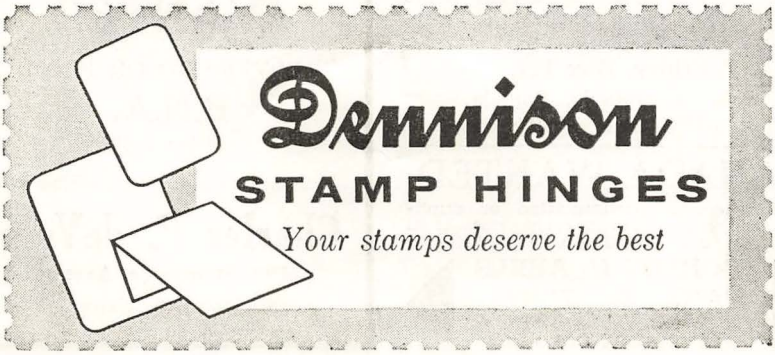

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PLATE BLOCK CATALOG

In a letter from the Stanley Stamp Company Limited, 877 Hornby St., Vancouver 1, B.C., shortly after our June issue came out they inform us that the first printing of their Canadian Plate Block Catalog, 3rd edition, brought out in March was quickly taken up, and that another printing was attracting steady sales.

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George Baxted was elected Mr. Clark's successor. Other officers elected were: President, Charles E. Hansen; vice-president, A. L. McLarty; treasurer, L. D. Winder; sales manager, Howard Whitfield; auction chairman, Arthur Hey; auctioneer, W. T. Clark; immediate past president, George A. Ross; directors, Mrs. Emma Ralph, Mrs. W. G. Willsher, Paul Dawson, Arthur Hey and H. L. Johnston.

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The Prairie Provinces Conservation Stamps

by ED. RICHARDSON, BNAPS.

Editor's Note:—The Whooping Crane stamp referred to in the following article has already become established in high regard among stamp devotees. Mr. Richardson in this article gives us an intimate though brief insight into the work and activities of the late Dr. Rowan, whose death occurred June 30.

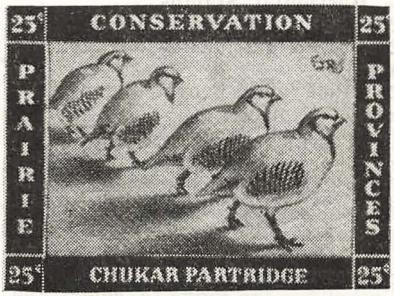
So much interest was shown in our summary of the "British Columbia Duck and Conservation Stamps" which appeared in the April 1957 issue of POPULAR STAMPS, that we are encouraged to present another, this one on the less known, but attractive "Prairie Provinces" issues of 1945 and 1946.

Another, and more compelling reason prompts us to present this data at this time. We have just received word from Mrs. Rita Rowan, the news that her husband, Dr. William Rowan, the designer and originator of these issues, passed away suddenly on June 30th. We had been in correspondence with Dr. Rowan regarding these issues, and thanks to his courteous assistance we are in a position to tell the story of these stamps.

Not only was Dr. William Rowan, F.R.C.S., the designer of these conservation issues, but he is better known to philatelic circles as the designer of Canada's Whooping Crane 5c stamp of 1955. Dr. Rowan was a world famous Zoologist, long associated with the University of Alberta. He had recently retired. Mrs. Rowan pays a tribute to her late husband, in words I could hardly improve upon: "He was a man who gave of himself to the community, to his work for the students, and to research at the University. His loss is not only felt deeply at home, but in many countries of the world. He was a spendthrift of his talents and of his health."

The Purpose

The purpose of these issues was to raise funds for wildlife research in the Prairie Provinces. In a letter to this collector Dr. Rowan stated, "In



The 1946 Issue. Bottom stamp from the vertical strip of five.

1945 when our ten year cycle had hit the bottom again I thought it was time that somebody undertook a serious study of the whole phenomenon. I had been interested in it for many years and drew the stamps in the hope of raising enough money to finance a large (research) venture. There seemed no good reason if the sportsmen had supported us, why we should not have (cleared) from five to eight thousand dollars—, but most —bought only one stamp to stick on their hunting licenses. They were distributed by our game department by the various vendors who annually peddle licenses. The $800 so netted were barely enough to get us started and the fund was subsequently used to help out students in conservation."

Two issues of these stamps were prepared,—a set of five in 1945, and a single stamp for 1946.

The 1945 Issue

This issue consisted of five stamps, all of the 25c denomination, printed in sheets of twenty. Those of the vertical format are 5x4, and those of the horizontal format 4x5. They were produced by the rotogravure halftone process, and two are bicolored. All outside margins are imperforate, the stamps being perforated 12. The vertical type sheet measures approximately 8 7/8x9 1/4 in. The individual stamp impressions measure 52-53 by 38-39mm. The paper is slightly off-white, wove, with no distinct mesh. Gum is thick yellowish-white.

The Vertical Stamps

25c Green — "Mallard"

25c Brown, with Black-brown Vignette — "Pheasant"

The Horizontal Stamps

25c Blue — "Canada Goose"

25c Deep Purple — "Hungarian Partridge"

25c Red, with Brown Vignette — "Ruffled Grouse"

Dr. Rowan's monogram appears in each vignette in the form of a script "WR". The positions are as follows: Green, at LL; Brown and Black-Brown, at right, lower center; Blue, at UR; Deep Purple, at LR; and Red and Brown, at LL.

Except for the vignette, colors and caption at the base of each stamp, the designs are all similar to the 1946 stamp which is illustrated.

The 1946 Issue

This issue consists of the single variety illustrated. Design, paper. gum, perforations, printing process and size of impressions as before. However these stamps were issued in vertical strips of five, imperforate all around, perforated horizontally.

5c Red, with Blue Vignette — "Chukar Partridge"

The Rowan monogram appears in the vignette at upper right.

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For those who collect the many interesting sidelines of Canadian Philately, the Prairie Provinces Conservation stamps make an interesting and attractive addition. For the Revenue fan they should find a place in their collection. But what finer suplemental material could the regular Canadian postage stamp collector find to mount alongside of his 5c Whooping Crane stamps of 1955,—than a complete set of these conservation stamps, created by the same designer?

RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

"Bypex" and the C.P.S. Convention was from all reports an outstanding and successful venture, well organized and managed—results of this great event prove this. The choice of headquarters at the Chateau Laurier added tremendous prestige to what has been the best attended convention ever held by the C.P.S.

"Fyndem" in the London weekly "Stamp Collecting" lately referred to our "Royal William" issue of 1933 and quoting Gibbons prices of 5/- and 3/6 in order for mint and used, do not seem high compared with dealer prices here. Canadian commemoratives have always been of interest to me. The reason for referring to them is due to a review in June of a private collection of these stamps in superb condition mounted in singles, of tens, of useed and mint alternately and superbly arranged.

Great Britain has excelled herself with the issue of the Boy Scout set which for design and richness in color would be impossible to improve upon. Artistic and beautiful, this issue will be heavily collected.

Various references to obsolete sets and advancing prices are worth noting in the London Weekly for June and July include the Tristan da Cunha Geo. 6th issue, the 1951 Montserrat dollar set, the Queen Coronation overprint Agency sets, Tangier Centenary overprint issue, the Malta George Cross issue and Australian thin paper high value issues of 1937-1949.

Catalogs will be published in September by Gibbons for Part 1, and the Commonwealth Queen issues.

Our U.P.U. 15c stamp is admirable and nicely designed and its grey blue color adds to its attractiveness. It should be popular with all.

The new Queen Pitcairn issue lately released complete to the 2/6 is an attractive set. Three new low values are due from Falkland Isl. which include the ½d, 1d and 9d.

Ottawa news that our late Sports set is off the list is somewhat surprising and seems to be a record for obsolescense of any of our stamps in so short a time. In addition the Prime Ministers issues of Thompson and Bowell, the Alberta stamp and the 4c Musk Ox have all been removed from Agency supply.

An air letter has just reached me from London asking if I have any mint duplicates of GB 10/- light blue, our 251a and 4d grey (our 241) and states these are short on their market and adds the obsolete watermarks of Queen's Tangier are wanted there; that the late issue of the Somaliland Legislature commemorative are also scarce, and retailers are in need of the GB BEX of 1925.

The HOLLOW TREE

By Ed. Richardson

No. 379—3c Medallion with Freak Plate Numbers

In my collection of plate number material of the 1932 Medallion Issue is a vertical strip showing the lower left plate numbeer No. 4 in the proper position. However up above in the same margin, and on the same strip, there is a "kiss print" of "PLATE NO. 4" opposite the 5th and 6th horizontal rows. But if this isn't enough, opposite the 3rd and 4th horizontal rows is another kiss print of PLATE NO. 3!

Can anyone come up with the explanation of how this happened?

No. 380—2c Carmine Numeral Issue Bisect on cover.

Working on my 1897-1901 issues recently I was reminded that I hadn't reported an unusual cover in this collection. It was illustrated in BNA TOPICS a little over a year ago, before it came to yours truly.

It is a registered cover, franked with a strip of three of the 2c numeral, plus a diagonally bisected single making up the 7c registry rate. It was used from "———East-Margaree, N.S." and addressed to Halifax. Dated June 28, 1902. It does not have a philatelic "smell". It appears to be a commercial cover, and was kept for some time on a spindle, as there are the familiar spindle holes in the cover. There are no markings to show the letter was rated insufficiently paid.

Certainly no stamp collector having "made" this cover would have subjected it to the spindle!

No. 381—Patriotic Cards of the Toronto Lithographing Co., Ltd.

These are among the most beautiful of all Canadian Patriotic cards. According to the imprint they were "Entered according to Act of Parliament of Canada in the year 1898 by the Toronto Lithographing Co., Limited, at the Department of Agriculture."

The design covers three-quarters of the card, across the top and down the left side. In the lower left is the familiar "Bull Dog and Flag" design. In the upper half is illustrated a War Ship. They are multicolored, being handsomely done in red, blue, green, light tan and dark brown.

I have two designs or varieties, as follows, only the War Ship being different:—

1) "Benbow"/1st Class Battle Ship
2) "Calliope"/3rd Class Cruiser"

Those I have, and others I have seen (all "Benbow" type), were used between 1902 and 1909. Can anyone report additional varieties of these? Or earlier dates of use?

No. 82—Official Pictorial Post Cards —1932

Twice before I have reported on these in packets 177 and 274. These are the special series of pictorial postcards issued by the Canadian Government in 1932. On the face they bear sepia-toned scenes of national interest or natural beauty. On the message and address side they bear the government 2c brown "Arch" design. They are either Bonds' CN25 or CN26, (Holmes 1454b and c). These post card types do not come in any other way but on these pistorial postcards. CN25 (English) was used on 61 of the 70 varieties. CN26 (French) was used on 9 varieties depicting scenes in the Province of Quebec.

I have at last completed my set of these, but better yet I managed to obtain a copy of the beautiful "Presentation Book" containing the entire set in uncut sheets of 4. The book contains 22 of these uncut sheets. 18 of these are all of the CN25 type. Two are all of the CN26 type. One has two of each type, and one has three

CN26 and one CN25. A total of 88 cards. All 70 varieties are included, but some are repeated one or more times. Most of the sheets contain four different scenes, but some contain two each of two scenes, and some contain two of one and one each of two other scenes.

The sheets are bound in the book by means of a linen hinge. The book is bound in dark blue moroccan leather and stamped in gold.

believe there are a number of these Presentation Books around somewhere, and while they all contain a complete set, they do not always contain the same sheet layouts.

So here's another collection we can mark down as "completed"!

No. 383—Quebec Assurance Stamps

Most of these values will be found in the perf. 12 state. However the 30c, 40c, 50c and $1 values are also found perf 12x11½ and are very scarce. Check your copies!

The dollar values of this set are very rare indeed, and anyone having a complete set in perf. 12 plus the four perf. 12x11½ varieties, has a showing to be proud of!

Yours truly still is looking for the $2 and $3 values, feeling pretty good just to have the $1, $4 and $5 values!

No. 384—Quebec Prohibition Stamps

Here is one of the scarcest sets of all Canadian Revenues. It too comes in two perforations, perf. 12 and perf. 11. The entire set from 1c to the $10 all come in the perf. 12. However the 10c light brown, $5.00 and $10.00 values do not come in the perf. 11.

In mint condition these are really beautiful stamps. The used ones are usually handstamped, and for once light, attractive cancels are the rule!

The $5 and $10 values are extremely rare, but they are no longer on my want list,—three less expensive items still illude me however, the 20c and $1 perf. 11, and the 50c perf. 12.

WORLD-WIDE PROGRAM OF FRIENDSHIP

Launched last fall by President Eisenhower at a press conference, a program of friendship-making between peoples of the world has taken on and 42 leaders in industry and cultural activities have been appointed to head committees in their respective fields. Every field of American activity is represented from banking to TV,—books, education, religion, art, motion pictures ,farm groups, sports, etc., etc. Through these committees relations between individual Americans and citizens of other countries will be established so friendship and understanding can flow in both directions.

In the Hobbies Group, H. L. Lindquist, publisher of "Stamps" magazine has been apointed its head and has set up 60 individual committees, which are divided into four general classifications:

1. Acquiring things: such as coins, stamps, antiques, ceramics, models.
2. Doing things: such as hiking, travel,, puzzles, games, etc.
3. Making things: such as photography, Gardening, painting, etc.
4. Learning things: such as Nature studies, astronomy, music, languages.

Stamp collecting will, of course, play a very important part in the program, and if collectors will enter into the project enthusiastically, they can take a leading part in the wonderful crusade to advance the Brotherhood of Man. The very act of collecting stamps creates an interest in and knowledge of other countries and the people who inhabit them. We invite the readers of this publication to send their names and addresses to the Chairman of the Stamp Collecting Committee, Bernard Davis, of the National Philatelic Museum, Broad and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia 22, Pennsylvania, who will send additional information and, if desired, place them in touch with individual collectors in the United States, which may lead to interesting contacts and lifelong friendships.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I notice on Moose sheet lower right, Plate 2, the fifth line is not complete on top of the Moose's neck as in the other stamps. This is stamp 48. Also on Plate 1, Oilwell Upper Right corner stamp, on the plate side, in the year date 1950, the right hand side of the figure "9" is missing. Whether the figure "9" was broken, or the figure was not inked is the question. I wonder if any other collector has the same plate in the same condition, —J. B., Allen Park, Mich.

The Canadian-U.S. Rate, 1851-1875

Vincent G. Greene

In the September, 1947 issue of POPULAR STAMPS there is an interesting article by the well-known student of American stamps, Stanley B. Ashbrook on "The U.S.-Canadian 2c Rate, 1851-1875". Mr. Ashbrook quotes from Boggs book, Volume 1, page 45, and Volume 2 pages 6D-7D-8D and 9D where it is stated "that on the 10th of June 1851 the United States agreed to a rate of 1d (2c) for letters between the two countries where the only transportation was by ferry, or a short land journey over the international boundary between the two countries. This arrangement continued until February 1, 1875." Accompanying the article is a photograph of a cover used from Holton, Maine to Woodstock, New Brunswick, dated April 30, 1870 and franked with a 2c stamp of the 1869 issue.

Mr. Ashbrook states that he has never seen a cover to the United States showing the 2c 'ferry' or 'frontier' rate, and I was fortunate in being able to obtain one recently,

The Ashbrook Cover

which is illustrated above. It is the 2c value of the "Large Cents" issue tied to an envelope by circular "Woodstock N.B. July 10, 1869" cancellation and is addressed to Holton, Maine, strangely enough, the same two border towns as Mr. Ashbrook's cover.

There must be other envelopes showing this unusual rate, and it behooves collectors to keep a watch on accumulations that pass through their hands, and perhaps other 'frontier' rate covers will turn up.

T.S.C.C. NOTES

The Toronto Stamp Collectors Club at its May meeting had a panel of members who answered questions put by the audience. The panel was composed of Jim Sissons, Dr. Jephcott, Leslie Davenport and Fred Jarrett.

Questions covered a wide area, but Philatelic Exhibitions were dealt with in considerable detail, and some of the points brought out by the panel were as follows:

A gold medal collection in a major show is always a gold medal collection anywhere.

In a major show a one frame exhibit will not obtain a major award.

Coverage and condition are essential factors in gaining top awards.

Postal history collections have not yet been able to get a gold medal in an international show.

Essays, proofs, covers, "specimens" and knowledge of rates are all important factors in International exhibits.

The panel was unanimous that in local shows gold, silver and bronze awards should not be given, but that firsts, seconds and thirds should be awarded, and only when the entries warranted it.

MAIL ADVANCEMENT

Walter J. Turnbull, of the P.O.D., in addressing the Ottawa Kiwanis Club at a luncheon, predicter helicopter and tube use to hasten mail delivery and visualized rocket mail at 6,000 miles an hour. Some figures he quoted were 4,706 post offices in Canada in 1874 as against 11,879 in 1957. Comparatively speaking 13,900-000 miles travelled in 1874 and 78,-300,000 in 1957—excluding air mail tonnage. In 1874 revenue was $1,476,-207, against $158,568,356 today.

MUSKOKA CHRISTMAS SEALS

by Rev. Ralph D. Wright

The brief article in Popular Stamps for June 1957 and illustrating a Muskoka seal for the year 1909 prompts the writing of this letter in answer to the inquiries raised therein. It might be noted in passing that also in 1904 Sweden and Iceland began issuing these seals in support of anti-tuberculosis work and Norway followed in 1909. The references to U.S. seals are correct.

In Canada, prior to 1927 all seals sold were issued privately by various Sanataria. The famous Muskoka hospital began the issuing of Christmas Seals in 1908 and until 1922 had one design for each year. Most of those issued during the first world war showed a nurse and many of these early issues are quite rare and valuable today.

From 1923 to 1926 the Muskoka seals were a series of ordinary commercial seals without the Lorraine cross, inscription, or date. The first three years of these were made in Japan, but in 1926 they are inscribed "Made in Canada". There were 35 in all. One needs to have the printed envelope that the latter ones were in when sold for identification.

From 1927 to 1933 Muskoka used die cut seals with the cross, but still one needs the envelopes. Until 1944 Muskoka used the national seals in panes of 10 and the later years are imperf on all four sides thus every seal has at least one straight edge.

The regular Canadian seals came in sheets of 100 as a rule but for a few years booklets with panes of 20 were used. From 1927 until 1951 there is also a French edition of our National seals. Specialists can obtain these seals perf., imperf., pro-

gressive colour proofs, and other interesting varieties.

Other hospitals in Canada to have seal issues are.—

The Royal Edward Institute, Montreal, 1909-1926.
The Bruchesi Institute, Montreal, 1925-26.
Hamilton Mountain San. 1911.
Essex County Health Association, later San. 1912-1926.
Royal Ottawa San. 1911-1915.
Tranquile San., near Kamloops, B.C. about 1925.
Peterborough Health Association 1911-12.
London Free Hospital, later Queen Alexandra San. 1909, 1910 and 1926.
St. Elizabeth's Chapter I.O.D.E., Hamilton, 1926.
—and several others.

But the writer hopes this will be sufficient information to start a few more Canadian Collectors on the lookout for items in this fascinating side-line to Philately.

Perhaps it should be said that over 70 countries have issued or are still issuing Christmas Seals, and there have been about 100 local issues in the United States. The writer's collection consists of more than 2000 different, and it is far from complete.

Green's catalog of the Tuberculosis Seals of the World, originally published in 1936-38 and revised in 1946, printed by the Western Stamp Collector, Muskoka section is headed by the following:

Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, Gravenhurst, Ontario. Operated by the National Sanitorium Association, Toronto, associated with Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives and Queen Mary Hospital for Consumptive Children. Seal sales are separate for the three hospitals and seals are listed under the different names. Muskoka issued seals from 1908 to 1921 all dated and showing name of the Society; Toronto used the same designs from 1915-1918 and Queen Mary seals replaced Toronto from 1919 to 1921; the same seals 1922 to 1929 were sold jointly by the three societies, and 1930 to 1935 by Toronto and Muskoka. The joint issues are listed under Muskoka, but do not show name of society, and after 1922 are not dated. All but the 1908 and 1923-26 show the d-b cross.

The National Sanitarium Association, Toronto, informs us:

In 1908, the National Sanitarium Association issued its first Christmas Seals to raise funds for the Muskoka Free Hospital, and continued doing so until the year 1915. In that year, and the years 1916, 1917, and 1918, seals were issued also in the name of the Toronto Free Hospital, Weston. Then, for three years, 1919-1920-1921, the seals were issued under the name of the Queen Mary Hospital for Tuberculosis Children rather than the Toronto Free Hospital. All of these hospitals are owned and operated by the National Sanitarium Association.

From 1922 until 1926, inclusive, the seals sold by the Association were a commercial type without the imprints of the double-barred cross, or names of any of our hospitals.

As noted in your clipping, (June P. S.), from 1927 on, the tuberculosis Christmas Seals have been one design and have been distributed throughout Canada.

Editor's Note—The above Green catalog reference and the Sanitarium Association notes have been added to Mr. Wright's article for the information they convey.

THE NEW MINING STAMP

Before this issue of P.S. reaches its readers the new design "primary industry" postage stamp, issued on the 5th September, will be in circulation.

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EASTERN ARCTIC PATROL

Last October and November Mr. Herman Jacobi, Jr., had an article in P.S. on the "R.M.S. Nascopie" for northern mail service. Some have wondered about present service since the Nascopie foundered in 1947. From a 1956 Post Office Bulletin re mail service for those parts we take, in part the following:

Mail matter for residents in the Eastern Arctic Area, Hudson Bay, Hudson Strait and Baffin Island is centralized at Ottawa, Ontario.

The mail is despatched from Ottawa approximately the third week in June for connection with the Patrol vessel at Montreal, P.Q., and the third week in July for connection with the vessel at Churchill, Manitoba.

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The vessel does not call at all the above points, however it transfers mail for points for which it does not call to auxiliary vessels, etc., for onward despatch.

Editor's Note:—For purposes of "Popular Stamps" we have simply reproduced the above listing as effects letter writers without reference to other Post services, the Post office renders to this district. Mail matter should be mailed at the customary rates to Ottawa.

F. D. COVER ERROR

Windermere, B.C.,—Stamp collectors who deal in the oddities of the hobby are scanning their first day covers of the David Thompson commemorative stamp issued by the Windermere District Historical Society.

An unstated number of covers were postmarked April 5 instead of June 5. The covers were issued in sets of three, bearing Invermere, Windermere and Wilmer cancellations. The Invermere cover bears the erroneous date.—Vancouver Province

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir.—A short time ago I received an issue of Israel stamps — with control block and first day cover which was stamped "Received wet at Montreal". This may have been from the Italian ship which was sunk. I had to return the envelope to get a fresh issue, as those sent me were stained and without gum.

I also have a letter returned from Moose Jaw 8/4/54 burnt in the crash of two planes. This was enclosed with a letter from District of Postal Inspection and signed by Mr. R. J. Goodman.—Sam Hall, Winnipeg, June 8, '57.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I agree with the writer of Canada Notes in the May issue about the Loon stamp, the latest addition to the Wildlife series. I think it is the most beautiful in design. There is nothing queer about it. The black ink gives it the dignity, the appearance of a fine etching. The branch of the pine tree with two cones is a graceful touch. The small format is to my liking, since I prefer stamps of that size. A matched set of plate blocks fit nicely on one album page.

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